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To whom it may concern:

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## **Notice regarding Distribution of Retained Earnings**

SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION hereby announces that the resolution was made at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 12 May, 2017 to make proposal for the distribution of retained earnings as 31 March, 2017 as the record date, to the 151st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on 29 June, 2017.

## 1. Details

	Cash dividends resolved for proposal	Previous forecast (Announced on 4 Nov., 2016)	Year-end cash dividends for the previous fiscal year (Ended 31 Mar., 2016)
Record date	31 March, 2017	31 March, 2017	31 March, 2016
Cash dividends	27 yen	17 yen	17 yen
per share			
Total amount of	11,914 million yen	-	7,501 million yen
cash dividends			
Effective date	30 June, 2017	-	30 June, 2016
Dividend resource	Retained earnings	-	Retained earnings

## 2. Reason

Under the New Mid-Term Management Plan SUZUKI NEXT 100 (from FY2015 to FY2019), the company plans active investments for growth, which include accumulated capital investment of 1 trillion yen over the 5-year period, and research and development expenses of 200 billion yen for FY2019. At the moment, the company prioritises investment for growth centred in India, and set the dividend payout ratio target to 15% or more.

Also, because of large-scale acquisition of treasury shares in the previous fiscal year, shareholder's equity ratio declined to 35.4% at the end of the previous fiscal year, and the improvement of shareholder's equity ratio is becoming an urgent issue. Meanwhile, the company also recognises that capital efficiency and shareholder return are significant management issue as well.

Taking the above into consideration, the company would like to utilise the gain on sales of investment securities for investment for growth and improvement of shareholder's equity ratio, as done so in the previous year, and set the year-end dividends based on the net income attributable to owners of the parent excluding the gain on sales of investment securities, which will be ¥27.00 per share, up by ¥10.00 per share from the previous fiscal year.

As a result, the annual dividends including interim dividends will be ¥44.00 per share and up by ¥12.00 per share from the previous fiscal year. Dividend payout ratio based on the net income attributable to owners of the parent excluding the gain on sales of investment securities will be 15.2%.

(Reference) Breakdown of Annual Cash Dividends

	Cash dividends per share		
Record date	Interim	Year-end	Annual
The current fiscal year	17 yen	27 yen	44 yen
(Result and forecast)	(Result)	(Forecast)	(Forecast)
The previous fiscal year	15 yen	17 yen	32 yen
(Ended 31 March, 2016)			